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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SADAT, ANWAR)

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRESIDENT SADAT: TEST FLIGHTS

REF: STATE 240729

1. IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL EVENING OCTOBER 9, I ASKED DEFENSE ATTACHE TO CONTACT PRESIDENT SADAT'S PILOT, CAPTAIN TOLBA, REGARDING REPORT OF PROPOSED TEST FLIGHT OF SADAT ITINERARY SCHEDULED OCTOBER 13. TOLBA CONFIRMED THAT HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE THIS FLIGHT BUT DID NOT KNOW YET HIS ITINERARY OR EVEN US AIRPORT AT WHICH HE WOULD MAKE INITIAL LANDING. HE INDICATED THERE WOULD BE NO VIPS ABOARD AND, IN FACT, SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHO MOURSİ SAAD AL-DİN WAS.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF THIS INFORMATION I TELEPHONED GENERAL MOUKHTAR IN THE PRESIDENCY OFFICE, BUT HE KNEW ONLY OF THE OCTOBER 20 TEST FLIGHT.

3. THEREFORE, DURING A CALL ON FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY LATER IN THE EVENING, I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO INQUIRE WHETHER HE KNEW ABOUT OCTOBER 13 FLIGHT. HE CONFIRMED THAT HE DID.

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I NOTED THAT THERE WAS ALREADY A TEST FLIGHT

SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20 AND WONDERED WHY ANOTHER
TEST FLIGHT WAS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 13.
HE GOT MY POINT ABOUT ITS NECESSITY WITHOUT MY
HAVING SAID IT IN SO MANY WORDS AND STATED THAT
HE WOULD CONTACT THE VICE PRESIDENT, WHO IS IN
CHARGE OF THIS ASPECT OF SADAT'S TRIP, TO ASK
WHETHER THIS FLIGHT WAS NECESSARY. I REQUESTED
THAT HE HAVE SOMEONE IN HIS OFFICE INFORM
ME WHETHER OR NOT FLIGHT WOULD ACTUALLY TAKE PLACE.
HE PROMISED TO DO SO.
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